(d) and (e) Nandala-Jhalwari road and Kulgaon-Shirali link road have been approved under PMGSY Phase-VI. The work is under execution in a difficult terrain and the State Government has informed that no action is required to be initiated against the contractor.

Increasing days under NREG Scheme

†385. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the number of days fixed for giving work in a year under National rural Employment Guarantee Scheme introduced by Government is not sufficient for subsistence of a family;

(b) whether it is also a fact that unemployment in rural areas in the country could not be controlled with it; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider for increasing the number of days for work under the above mentioned scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The objective of NREGA is to enhance the livelihood security of the rural households in the country by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to adult members of every rural household for doing unskilled manual work on demand. Thus, NREGA provides a supplementary means of livelihood for the rural people. Members of the household are free to avail other available employment opportunities in addition to the 100 days of guaranteed employment per household provided under the Act on demand.

(c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to enhance the number of days of work under NREGA.

Missing files from CAPART

386. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether around 4000 files related to unaccounted funds disbursed to voluntary organizations are feared missing from the office of the Council of Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART);

(b) whether CAPART functions under the Ministry of Rural Development and is the only Government organization in the world that directly funds non-Government organizations;

(c) whether in March, 2007 under first round of inquiry CAPART listed details of 81 missing files and in a second list of 200 files were sent to the CBI;

(d) if so, whether CBI has submitted its report about CAPART to Government; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government against those held responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) After physical verification of files at Headquarters/ Regional Centres of CAPART, several project files shown as ongoing in the electronic data base were not physically present in the various divisions of Headquarters and in the Regional Centres of CAPART. The figure of files reproted as missing was 4719.

(b) Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Rural Development. Besides CAPART, there are also other Central Government Departments in India that release funds to NGOs.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi